

HALLOWEEN... By Frances Thom!('09)

Students who don't actually go trick or treating remain excited about the day because of other Halloween activities they participate in. Activities include parties and the "egging" of people's houses. More than half of the freshmen polled said they enjoyed either one or the other. Daniel Karaban('09) upon hearing that our freshmen enjoy partying on Halloween responded, "That's garbage. Freshmen don't go to parties." Cole Hawkins('09), who is planning on dressing up as Leonard from the film *School of Rock* for Halloween, agrees as he relied simply "Word."

Other alternatives to trick or treating include visiting Haunted Houses, going to the Halloween Parade in Greenwich Village (Gemma Purdy '09), or staying home and watching the *Twilight Zone* and/or *Addams Family Marathons* (Keslie Carrion '09). Some even just sit in their rooms pretending they have candy (Valerie Gonzalez '09).

Utak West('08) stated that besides trick or treating, he also enjoyed "swimming" on Halloween. Teachers are prone to celebrate Halloween as well. Mr. Gilbert attends a "gathering" at a friend's house every year. "It's a tradition. And the day afterwards I go buy half-priced Halloween candy from Walgreens." Mr. Holmes, our new chemistry teacher, sometimes goes to themed

costume parties. "I once dressed up as a soldier from World War One." Mrs. Peterson has her neighbors over for pizza before the trick or treaters start coming out.

"I stay out and hand out candy," Said Mr. Baker. Mr. Thoman takes his son out trick or treating "but I normally end up eating most of the candy myself," he admitted.

There is an admirable amount of students who enjoy dressing up and going out to collect candy. Katie Adrian('10) said that the only reason she goes trick or treating is because of "peer pressure." She also went on to say "I love Frances Thom ('09))."

Matt Joseph('10), who many mistook for Mr. Halabi at last year's Halloween dance, stated that "this year I'm going to be a tissue for Halloween." He went on to cleverly explain why.

Other Halloween enthusiasts like Jake Ruiz ('08) plan on dressing up as Conan the Barbarian, and Daniel Karaban('09) aka "DK" said he's going to be "Donkey Kong." Three people have stated that they plan on being Spiderman—which one is going to be the best is unclear. "I am the real Spiderman," Michael Hamlet (08) said in response to this, with a determined gleam in his eye. "With great power comes great responsibility. Those imitators don't have that."

DeAndra Norman ('08), President



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Halloween Traditions?

of the HSAS Key Club, revealed that this year American Studies will have our very own Haunted House. It will be open on the night of the Halloween dance, and will be located in a section of the faculty dining room. Admission will be about two dollars. "All proceeds will go to UNICEF," she said.

Personally, I'm so excited for Halloween it hurts. So for everyone

who plans on having a Halloween full of costumes, candy, and **"Freshmen Party", said Cody Austria('11)**

general craziness, I wish you the best. For everyone else, who plan on spending the night of October 31 losing game after game of solitaire, well, try not to be late for school the next day. ☞

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SENIOR LEADERS...

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Liz, Christina, and Yoojin all cited their previous leadership experience in such school activities as the HSAS Environmental Club and the fruitless junior trip committee. Christina Joubert played up the fact that she is an organizational freak who likes to take notes and so she would be perfect for such a position and would like to introduce new ideas that would "enhance the school."

Running for vice-president were Benjamin Colon ('08) and Rinda Ko ('08). Ben promised to provide us with what we need and cited his commitment to the successful

"I'm crossing over"

HSAS Cross-Country team as "crossing" over into his commitment to fellow students.

Rinda, on the other hand, invoked her perfect attendance and her lack of interest in sports as characteristics of a good vice-president, one who has enough free time to be effective.

Finally, running for the head spot, president, were several candidates.

First up was David Myers('08). After literally shaking out his fear in front of his classmates, he continued to state that he would be a president of the people and would be open to ideas and take "ourselves" into account.

Next up, Stephanie Fox('08), had

of fund raising ideas that would go toward various activities, especially the senior trip and prom. The ideas included selling custom T-shirts as well as continuing HSAS traditions such as student-teacher dodge ball games and teacher karaoke night.

She also had the idea to create different small committees to help manage things on a smaller scale. Finally running for president was Peter Cipriano ('08). Peter has ran before for another position and always seems to be determined and open-minded; this year was no exception. One key idea that Peter had was to have various 90's themed events to celebrate the birth year of most of the seniors.

After all the ballots were submitted, the winners who were announced the following morning were: new Treasurer; Tyler Ehrman, Secretary; Christina Joubert, VP; Ben Colon, and President; Stephanie Fox. According to Ms. Cope, who organized the election, it had a voter turn out of about 93% (only 8 students did not vote) of the senior student body.

When asked about Stephanie Fox being our president, some seniors agreed with Mohammad Berkeshli in that "Steph talked about her record in the past [while] the other candidates talked about their ambitions for the future. The voters took the safest route." ☞

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These opening appearances included young students reading letters to Obama; a mediocre band called *The Northern*, playing Christmas songs; and an animated performance by *Ruff Ryders* member Jin. The opening ceremonies left a lot to be desired.

Another attendee, Kendra Danowski('08) felt "The opening acts were a little much of nothing." Nick Berkowitz added, "I didn't expect to hear music, but Jin the rapper was pretty entertaining."

"I was looking for a reason not to vote for him, but after hearing what he had to say, I was moved. He definitely has my vote!"

In general, the crowd appeared to grow impatient as the clock struck 7:00PM and the Senator from Illinois still had not arrived. However, before anyone perhaps had a chance to riot, the moment they were waiting for had finally arrived.

Senator Obama pulled up in his motorcade, and before he even got out of his car, the crowd erupted. He walked onto the stage with "Touch the Sky" by performer Kanye West playing in the background as the excitement continued to grow.

Aside for an initial microphone problem, Obama's speech was prolific. He addressed problems that

the whole crowd seemed to appreciate judging by their numerous outbursts of applause and praise. Such issues included the war in Iraq, healthcare and "cleaning" up the politics in Washington.

Justine commented, "I was looking for a reason not to vote for him, but after hearing what he had to say, I was moved. He definitely has my vote!" Danowski too added, "I was **fired up**, and **ready to go**," which was a chant the crowd had cheered the entire night.

After the rally, everyone appeared to leave excited and optimistic about the future. Berkowitz concluded with, "I felt very empowered, and I know Barack will make a great president because he is bringing a breathe of fresh air to Washington D.C." ❧



Picture taken by N. Berkowitz('08)



Left: Captain A. Buckley('08) rests; Right: H. Nobuoka('09) runs past fans

OUT RUNNING BRONX GOLIATH... (Continued from Sports Page)

Co-Captain Amanda Buckley said "I hate Science. They always have so many people. They can always place before us." Runner Belinda Falk('09) also said that "the only problem in beating Science so far is not enough runners."

"Yeah, I'm the fastest runner with the best time!"

Despite this the team is hopeful; Amanda continued by saying "We really have a good team this year, especially with Alana Menendez('11) and all the new people. I'm very optimistic."

Coach Wong agrees with Amanda. She commented that "I think they are going to make the

strongest showing in our school's history, and I can guarantee that." Freshman runner Alana Menendez is among the top five fastest female freshmen runners in the city. Is she the female Hiroshi Nobuoku?

Hiroshi is the fastest runner in the Bronx, as this paper went to press, with a 5k time of 18:30. When asked who the strongest runner on the team was, Co-Captain David Moretti exclaimed "obviously Hiroshi. The time defines itself."

Hiroshi agrees by saying "Yeah I'm the fastest runner with the best time!" With his current 5k performance he could be the next Paul Fiore('06) and the team's key shot at winning a title.

Hiroshi is as humble as he can be

for a person in his position, attributing the possible success to the power of the whole team by saying that "I definitely think the team has a great chance." He added that "this year they (Bronx Science) have a worse team. Our people are improving and doing better on times."

Even Head Coach Elinson is optimistic; as he wrote on the PSAL website, "A lot that is good has come together for this season... we are very excited." Well, it can be argued the both the Lady Flying Senators and the Flying Senators have the endurance, times, and players needed to win Bronx Borough Championships. Good Luck!

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FREE LUNCH...

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school aide Ms Garcia exclaimed when asked about having to buy lunch. Michael Lam('08) replied "if you have two options to choose from, school lunch or lunch from upstairs, you're going to choose what tastes better."

Michael went on to say "I don't want to eat the same cold lunch each and every day, it gets boring."

Timothy Watts('11) replied when asked about the quality of our school lunch by saying "it's not that great because it's not tasty at all."

Our lunch service was not always the way it is now. From 2002 to 2005 a hot lunch was served down stairs in the Lower Cafeteria for free.

"Kids utilized the food all the time," recalls Ms Garcia, adding that "we had chicken burgers, cheese burgers; we had so much to choose from."

"They liked it when it was free, but then as soon as we tagged a price on it, no one wanted to eat school lunch anymore." Ms. Garcia concluded that "the Board of Education wanted to see if students really supported the lunch program and as a result they tagged a price on it".

Despite the small price on a school lunch, it definitely has its



benefits. Hot lunch is offered at a maximum cost of \$1.50. In a 5 day week this adds up to only \$7.50. Some students spend more than \$7.50 in a day.

"I spend an average of \$6.00 a day, and if I get *Blimpies* I spend \$7.00," Cole Hawkins('09) stated. Spending \$6.00 a day adds up to \$30 dollars a week. By cutting back on lunch from the college cafeteria Cole would be saving on average \$22.50 a week.

Nandy Natera('10) stated "if the school served hot lunch it would save people more money. I think it's a great idea."

In a *Common Sense* survey more than half stated that they would buy and eat lunch from the lower cafeteria if the lunch served was hot. By eating lunch from the Lower Cafeteria, it becomes more affordable; saving money is easier to do and a lot more convient.

So how do we get hot lunch? A representative from the lunch program at Walton, who requested to be nameless said "the student body has to have at least 125 students eating school lunch on a daily basis." 125 students is over 33% of our student body

In order for lunch to be served downstairs in the lower Cafeteria students would have to start taking the initiative to eat the cold lunches. ❧

X-C UPDATES

On October 9th, 2007 the frosh boys beat Bronx Science for Frosh Bronx Borough Champs with a score of thirty-one to their fifty-two, led by Peter Nauffts('11), Jared Fertig('11) and Sean Neill('11). The sophomores came in second behind Bronx Science in the Sophomore Borough Champs with a score of 39 to their 20. Congratulations, boys!

On October 10th, 2007 the frosh girls earned 2nd place in the Bronx led by Alana Menendez('11) & Samantha Emmert('11). Well Done!

All are welcome to attend the Bronx Borough Championships on October 27th, 2007 held at Van Cortlandt Park. Go Flying Senators.

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